# What is a Reference Design?

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# HISTORY

* **OIR for Demand Response (2-years +)**
  * Dynamic vs. Static tariffs and AMI
* **CPUC decision is legal document**
* **Avoid unintentional consequences**
* **Unambiguous mapping**
* **Reference design is a parallel process**
* **Must accurately reflect new regulations**

# BACKGROUND

* **Reference designs hide in plain sight**

* **Markets (and consequently industries) are typically built upon formal and de facto reference designs**

* **Reference designs allow all companies to compete for business, create standards, evolve new applications**

# HEIRARCHY

* **Reference designs** define a <u>generic</u> vision for products, systems, etc. from which physical implementations can follow

* **Functional specifications** define <u>specific</u> products, systems, applications, etc.

* **Standards** are used to define how components can be interchanged, how different vendors products <u>interoperate</u>

# Mapping Policy to Specifications

**WHAT**

**WHO**

**WHY**

Governor

Direction

CEC/CPUC

Objectives
and Rules

Industry

Minimum
Capabilities

Utilities

Unique
Requirements

Vendors

Products

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